

## **RDC Minutes from September 17, 2020**

The Redevelopment Commission held their September 17, 2020 meeting at Beech Grove City Hall. The meeting started at 7:00pm or 1900 hours.

Those members present included President, Liz Lamping, Vice president, Nathan Rinks, Secretary, Cathy Chappell, Bonnie Dickinson, and James Siegman. School Board Representative Rick Skirvin did not attend.

Secretary, Cathy Chappell, passed out copies of the August 2020 minutes. Bonnie Dickinson pointed out the wording on the August agenda for the meeting was the resurfacing and painting of the basketball courts in Sarah T. Bolton Park. Bonnie suggested the minutes be changed to the original statement of resurfacing as opposed to replacing. James Siegman also stated Gary Hall was attending the August meeting as a citizen of the community, and not representing the city council. Cathy stated she would make both changes before the minutes would be posted on beechgrove.com. A motion was made by James Siegman to accept the minutes with the two changes and the motion was seconded by Nathan Rinks. The motion carried.

Next on the agenda was the Uniform Conflict of Interest Disclosure Statement for new members Bonnie Dickinson and James Siegman. Both forms had been turned over to RDC Attorney, Robert Rund. This was Resolution 2020-6. Cathy Chappell made a motion to accept the resolution and Nathan Rinks seconded. The motion carried.

The accounts payable totaled \$1241.10 for Lewis-Kappes Law Firm. A motion was made by Cathy Chappell and seconded by James Siegman. The motion carried to pay the stated amount.

President, Liz Lamping presented the 2021 RDC Budget compiled by our financial consultant, Jeff Peters. Expenditures for 2021 are estimated at \$399,360.00 for bond payments and \$50,000 for professional services with a total of \$449,360.00. The RDC total to work with for 2021 is estimated to be \$1,014,606.00. Member Bonnie Dickinson had a request instead of the word "other" she would like to see exactly what the money was spent on. President Lamping said she would check on it. A motion was made by Nathan Rinks to accept the 2021 budget and seconded by James Siegman. The motion carried.

Jeff Dees and his business partner Greg, owners of 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue Bar and Grill, approached the RDC regarding their restaurant. They asked for the RDC to consider financial assistance to make some changes to their property which would expand outside seating. At their own expense, they would like to replace the windows with some type of garage doors or accordion type

windows. Secretary, Cathy Chappell suggested one of the owners pick up a form to be filled out for the RDC regarding loan and grant money.

Member Bonnie Dickinson read a lengthy statement she compiled regarding several emails exchanged about having a meeting with city council members, RDC members and BG citizens. The conversation at the meeting became very contentious. Attorney Robert Rund explained how if 3 or more RDC members attended, it officially becomes a meeting. He suggested at a future RDC meeting a Public Access Counselor attend to explain in detail what can and cannot be allowed. City attorney, Craig Wiley suggested Mr. Rund have a workshop with the RDC.

Before the meeting ended Bonnie stated she contacted Rhonda Cook to see if she was aware of other RDC Commissions using TIF funds with sewer related projects. As of September 17, Bonnie had not heard back from Rhonda. Bonnie briefly discussed that she and Secretary, Cathy Chappell compiled a one page "Welcome " new member guide. President Lamping suggested the information could be discussed at another meeting.

A motion was made by Nathan Rinks to adjourn the meeting at 8pm (2000 hours). It was seconded by James Siegman. The motion carried.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 15, 2020 at 7pm at BG City Hall.

Respectfully submitted,  
Cathy Chappell, Secretary